

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	lfix694_076.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Lolitafix.com
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
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Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Date of direction to issue a label:	Not Applicable
OFLC No:	800230
Excisions:	Not Applicable
Reasons for excisions:	Not Applicable
Summary of reasons for classification:	The computer image file printout <i>lfix694_076.jpg</i> is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The publication contains a sexual image of two young teenage girls. The image focuses the viewer's attention on the girls' naked bodies and especially on their buttocks and genitals. A sexual reading of the image is unavoidable. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young persons. By presenting a sexualised image of young girls, the publication encourages this sexual interest and legitimises the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by young persons. Such images also advance the idea that young teenagers are ready for adult forms of sexual activity.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.